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U.S. Published Application No. 2001/011090 corresponds to WO99/19303, which also includes an English abstract, and corresponds to EP 1,024,138 (cited in the ISR). Applicant further notes that U.S. Patent No. 6,506,747 corresponds to WO99/62885 (English, also cited in the ISR).

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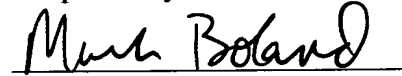
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